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SUBJECT: USN ACCESS TO STORES BASIN AND FUEL DEPOT

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1. ON FEBRUARY 24, WE MET WITH DE COURCY-IRELAND, ACTING HEAD OF FCO SOUTHWEST PACIFIC DEPT TO DISCUSS U.S. ACCESS TO SINGAPORE FACILITIES. HE SAID FCO HAS NOT YET RECEIVED REPORT FROM UK TEAM WHICH VISITED SINGAPORE SO HE COULD NOT GIVE AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER TO OUR REQUEST NOT TO TAKE ACTION THAT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE POSSIBLE US/NEW ZEALAND/GOS ARRANGEMENT ON USE OF SINGAPORE FACILITIES. BUT HE WAS SURE HMG WOULD TAKE A SYMPATHETIC VIEW TOWARD OUR REQUEST. HE WILL GIVE US FORMAL ANSWER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. DE COURCY-IRELAND SAID THAT FCO OFFICIALS HAD BEEN HOPING THAT SOME FOLLOW-ON PROGRAM TO ALLOW EASY US/UK ACCESS TO SINGAPORE WOULD MATERIALIZE BUT THEY FELT THEY COULD NOT TAKE LEAD IN SUGGESTING SUCH A PROGRAM. WE EXPECT THAT HMG WILL COOPERATE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOS IF U.S. AND NEW ZEALAND CAN AGREE ON A COMMON APPROACH TO

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